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Representative Weninger: Arizona Has No Room for Anti-Semitic Companies like Ben & Jerry's

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Jeff Weninger today praised Treasurer Kimberly Yee's action to uphold Arizona law and divest all state funds from Ben & Jerry's following the ice cream company's recent decision to boycott Israel, describing the Jewish state as "Occupied Palestinian Territory."

"Arizona has no room for companies, such as Ben & Jerry's, that proudly broadcast anti-Israeli hate," said Representative Weninger. **"I am proud to have voted to approve the 2016 legislation that ultimately led to the removal of our state's relationship with anti-Semitic organizations. Treasurer Yee did the right thing in upholding this important law and, moreover, for standing up for Israel, which is one of our state's best trading partners. I too stand with our Israeli friends and will continue to fight against any ugly, hateful attacks against them."**

In 2016, Governor Ducey signed [HB 2617](#) into law, which prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company unless the contract includes written certification that the company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.

Jeff Weninger is a small business owner and Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 17, which includes portions of Chandler, Gilbert, and Sun Lakes.

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